



Smaller Learning Communities (SLC) Project Directors Meeting

July 23 – 24, 2009

Washington, DC

Program Agenda

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

TIME	TOPIC	ROOM
4:00 – 7:00pm	REGISTRATION	Ballroom Level

THURSDAY, JULY 23

TIME	TOPIC	ROOM
7:00am	REGISTRATION	Ballroom Level
7:30 – 8:30am	BREAKFAST	Regency A
8:30am	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS <i>Braden Goetz, Group Leader, High School Programs Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)</i>	
8:45 – 9:30am	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION <i>José Rico, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary OESE</i>	
9:35 – 10:40am	PLENARY SESSION ONE Everyone Graduates Center Center for Social Organization of Schools (CSOS) Johns Hopkins University <i>Joanna Fox, Senior Policy Analyst</i> Ms. Fox will help participants take a fresh look at the reasons students fail to graduate from high school and the resources that are available through the Everyone Graduates Center's website to stimulate dialogue and actions underpinning higher graduation rates.	
10:50 – 11:15am	PLENARY SESSION TWO Grants Management Review ED staff will provide a brief review of key grants management activities for which project directors are responsible.	Regency A

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11:15 – 11:20am	TRANSITION TO MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
11:20 – 12:00pm	<p>MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS</p> <p>Fiscal Grants Management: The Budget Revision Process</p> <p>Program officers will present and discuss guidance for completing budget revisions in pre-assigned breakout groups.</p> <p>Group A <i>Lucille Butler, Program Officer, Advanced Placement Incentive Program (API)/SLC</i> <i>Inas El-Sabban, Program Officer, API/SLC</i> <i>Ivonne Jaime, Team Leader, API</i></p> <p>Group B <i>Angela Hernandez-Marshall, Team Leader, SLC</i> <i>Lynnetta Johnson, Program Officer, SLC</i></p> <p>Group C <i>Francisco Ramirez, Team Leader, Advanced Placement Test Fee Program</i> <i>Valerie Randall-Walker, Program Officer, API/SLC</i> <i>Theda Zawaiza, Team Leader, School Dropout Prevention Program</i></p> <p>Group D <i>Madeline (Beth) Baggett, Senior Program Officer, SLC</i> <i>Marcia Kingman, Team Leader, Striving Readers Program</i> <i>Patricia Searles, Program Officer, API/SLC</i></p> <p>Group E <i>Kristie Barber, Program Officer, API/SLC</i> <i>Jennifer Brianas, Program Officer, API/SLC</i> <i>Aaron Pinter-Petrillo, Program Officer, API/SLC</i></p>	<p>Columbia A</p> <p>Regency Foyer</p> <p>Columbia C</p> <p>Concord</p> <p>Columbia Foyer</p>
12:00pm	TRANSITION TO LUNCH SESSION	

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12:00 – 2:15pm	<p>LUNCH PRESENTATION</p> <p><i>PLENARY SESSION THREE</i> High School Reform Strategy Toolkit Academy for Educational Development (AED) <i>Becky A. Smerdon, Vice President and Deputy Director</i> <i>U.S. Education and Workforce Development</i> <i>Constancia Warren, Senior Consultant, AED</i></p> <p>Officials from AED will share a new web-based toolkit that includes descriptions, research, and checklists for many secondary school reform strategies that are common to SLC grant projects.</p>	Regency A
2:15 – 2:20pm	OVERVIEW OF AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
2:20 – 2:45pm	TRANSITION TO AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
2:45 – 5:00pm	<p><i>AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS</i> SLC Project Priorities: Facilitated Grantee Discussions</p> <p>Grantees are pre-assigned to actively participate in two 1-hour topical breakout sessions based on self-reported SLC project priorities they identified in the electronic meeting registration process. The breakouts offer grantees opportunities to hear a brief overview of current work in the topic area and to discuss challenges and promising strategies during the hour.</p>	
2:45 – 3:45pm	<p><i>BREAKOUT SESSION #1</i></p> <p>Career Academies/ Pflugerville High School, TX <i>Geralyn Elmore, SLC Project Director</i></p> <p>Career Academies/ Lowell High School, MA <i>Wendy Jack, Director of Curriculum</i></p> <p>Master Schedule/ Long Beach Unified School District, CA <i>Nader Twal, SLC Project Director</i></p> <p>Advisory/ Nashua School District SAU 42, NH and Bridgeport City School District, CT <i>Margaret Reynolds, SLC Project Director</i> <i>Peter Ziegler, SLC Project Director</i></p> <p>AP Access/ Maryland Department of Education <i>Jeanne Paynter, Specialist for Gifted and Talented Education</i></p> <p>AP Access/ Fresno Unified School District, CA <i>Kim Bradley, Program Manager</i></p> <p>Math Support Strategies/ Penn Harris Madison School Corporation, IN <i>Heidi Beidenger, SLC Project Director</i></p>	<p>Concord</p> <p>Lexington</p> <p>Columbia A</p> <p>Regency Foyer</p> <p>Bunker Hill</p> <p>Columbia C</p> <p>Columbia Foyer</p>

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3:45 – 4:00pm	TRANSITION TO BREAKOUT SESSION #2	
4:00 – 5:00pm	<i>BREAKOUT SESSIONS #2</i>	
	Career Academies/ Pflugerville High School, TX <i>Geralyn Elmore, SLC Project Director</i>	Concord
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5:00pm	ADJOURN <i>Meeting Resumes 8:30am Friday</i>	

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7:00 – 8:30am	BREAKFAST	Regency A
8:30 – 8:45am	WELCOME <i>Braden Goetz</i>	
8:45 – 9:45am	<p>PLENARY SESSION FOUR New SLC Program Technical Assistance Web Resources <i>Diana Oxley, Project Director, Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory (NWREL)</i> <i>Katie Luers, Senior Program Advisor, NWREL</i></p> <p>ED's contractor for SLC Program technical assistance support will share the latest web-based tool to be made available on the SLC technical assistance web site (http://slcp.ed.gov).</p>	
9:45 – 9:50am	OVERVIEW OF FINAL BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
9:50 – 10:00am	TRANSITION TO BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
10:00 – 11:00am	<p>BREAKOUT SESSIONS Coordinating Professional Development</p> <p>The SLC grant project directors below will facilitate one-hour small group discussions among grantees to discuss challenges and strategies for coordinating professional development across participating SLC project schools.</p>	
	Facilitator: <i>Nikki Brisson, School Board of Miami-Dade County, FL</i>	Columbia Foyer
	Facilitator: <i>Aaron Turner, New York City Department of Education, NY</i>	Lexington
	Facilitator: <i>Jim Stefankiewicz, Red Bank Regional High School, NJ</i>	Columbia A
	Facilitator: <i>Linda Young, Little Rock School District, AR</i>	Regency Foyer
	Facilitator: <i>Deborah Fischer and Marcia Clanton, Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools, GA</i>	Columbia C
	Facilitator: <i>James Bodrie, Traverse City Area Schools Consortium Grant, MI</i>	Concord

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11:00 – 11:05am	TRANSITION TO PLENARY SESSION FIVE	
11:05 – 12:00pm	<i>PLENARY SESSION FIVE</i> CLOSING ED staff will briefly address the previous day’s fiscal management discussions, provide annual performance reporting updates, and allow time for participants to complete their meeting evaluation forms.	Regency A